



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(Case No. 00-713-i19)

## PATENT

In re Application of:

Chad A. Mirkin, et al.

Serial No.: 09/976,863

Filed: October 12, 2001

For: NANOPARTICLES HAVING  
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Examiner: J. Riley

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### RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office action dated April 17, 2003. A Petition for an extension of time (three months) and requisite fee are attached herewith. Please amend this application as shown below.